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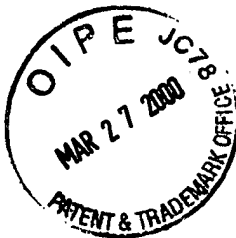
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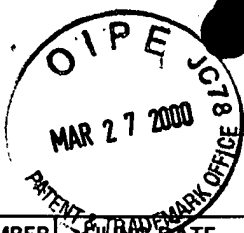
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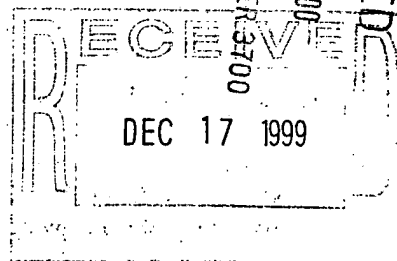
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Improved Multi-Layer Golf Ball

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Field of the Invention

This application is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/631,613 filed on April 10, 1996, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/591,046 filed on January 25, 1996, U.S. Application Serial No. 08/542,793 filed on October 13, 1995, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application 08/070,510 filed June 1, 1993, and U.S. Application No. 08/542,793 filed October 13, 1995, which is a continuation of 08/070,510.

The present invention relates to golf balls and, more particularly, to improved golf balls comprising multi-layer covers which have a hard inner layer and a relatively soft outer layer.

Background of the Invention

Traditional golf ball covers have been comprised of balata or blends of balata with elastomeric or plastic materials. The traditional balata covers are relatively soft and flexible. Upon impact, the soft balata covers compress against the surface of the club producing high spin. Consequently, the soft and flexible balata covers provide an experienced golfer with the ability to apply a spin to control the ball in flight in order to produce a draw or a fade, or a backspin which causes the ball to "bite" or stop abruptly on contact with the green. Moreover, the soft balata covers produce a soft "feel" to the low handicap player. Such playability properties (workability, feel, etc.) are particularly important in short iron play with low swing speeds and are exploited significantly by relatively skilled players.

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